



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee

Harry Schibanoff, Chairman

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Meeting Minutes November 7, 2013

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Benson Park Committee was called to order by Chair H. Schibanoff at 7:04 pm, November 7, 2013, Buxton Community Development room, Town Hall. P. Nichols led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. Attendance:

Vice Chair, J. Barnes, A. Desrosiers, D. Empey, John Leone, P. Nichols, Chair H. Schibanoff, N. Undercofler, Alternates: R. Alio, D. Briand (Alternate will vote for absent member this evening)

Excused: Selectman Liaison B. Nadeau,

3. Public Input

None

4. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of October 17, 2013

N. Undercofler made a Motion to accept Minutes

J. Leone– Second the Motion

All in favor - Motion Carries

5. Old Business

A. Park Issues and Forms

Chair H. Schibanoff said he spoke with the Town Liaison about the use of a calendar on the Town website. He was not in favor of this because of privacy issues and names to the public. Chair H. Schibanoff said that we could continue to use the Yahoo calendar. Discussion followed about adding a few extra information lines to the use of reserving different areas and it was an issue on how to enforce it. Chair H. Schibanoff mentioned it could be settled by the parties involved and if that did not work then maybe calling the police. This was not accepted. The Town did not want the HPD involved in this kind of dispute. Chair H. Schibanoff also spoke of schools using the Park for class projects without anyone knowing they are coming. When a large number of schools show up at the same time to use the park, this creates problems that need to be solved. Schools using the Park should be scheduled on the calendar if possible, and this will be considered to help alleviate some wear and tear. Also discussed was using the park for cross country meets. D. Yates, Rec. Dept said he ran three meets this year and used minimal unpaved portions of the park and he did not think this was destructive to the trails. Chair H. Schibanoff said he gave the

wrong date for the removal of the portable toilets and moving the handicap portable toilet near the Elephant Barn. The Handicap Portable Toilet has been moved up to the Elephant Barn (not in the designated area) and the others are still down near the A-Frame. P. Nichols thought that the Portable Toilets were going to be left at the park until December 1st. Chair H. Schibanoff said that was correct but the Handicap Portable Toilet has already been moved to the Elephant Barn area. D. Empey said that privacy issues could be eliminated by just saying that the area mentioned had been reserved on (date, time, area) with no names. Chair H. Schibanoff thought this could be considered and he will talk to D. Yates on this. Another issue raised and discussed was the use of designated areas. There is no park supervision on this so this cannot be helped if some areas are not on the form. This will be discussed throughout the winter to see if something could be worked out to the satisfaction of all.

B. Telegraph Award

The Committee was told that Chair H. Schibanoff and P. Nichols attended the Telegraph Awards evening. Benson Park was awarded Second Place for Free Things to do in the Nashua Area. We lost out to the Nashua Downtown Stroll. Chair H. Schibanoff said he was glad he attended and thought the food was the best he had ever had at such an event as this. P. Nichols also agreed.

6. New Business

A. Next Clean Up

Saturday, November 9, 2013: This date is not good for P. Nichols and Chair H. Schibanoff. Vice Chair J. Barnes asked if there were specific projects needed to be done at this time and D. Empey said that the Town came into the Park and did a lot of work. Vice Chair J. Barnes suggested we forgo this clean up and consensus was to cancel until spring.

B. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2013. Chair H. Schibanoff has to appear before the Budget Committee on that evening and Vice Chair J. Barnes is on the Budget Committee and the meeting will be scheduled for December 5, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

7. Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members

D. Briand said that at the last meeting of the Dog Park Committee they discussed the possibility of putting up a small maintenance shed in the Dog Park. They will check if this would be permissible. The Dog Park Committee will investigate this further and if allowed will come back to the Benson Committee with plans, designs and area.

P. Nichols mentioned the Spaghetti Supper hosted by Mike Gagnon, Eagle Scout candidate. It was well done and a fun night for everyone. He has already started to build another Wildlife blind in the Park.

D. Empey mentioned that parts of this blind would be semi built and walked in. He also said he was talking to men who already are using that area for wildlife photography and are so happy with what is taking place in the park. There are also others that use the blind that is there and are anxiously waiting for the second one to be complete. D. Empey stated the Country Brook Farms has graciously donated four (4) more trees to the park. They have been planted with hopes this will be successful.

N. Undercofler also wanted to mention that Country Brook Farms has also donated plants, shrubs, etc. for Serenity Gardens.

Next Meeting:

December 5 , 2013 – Buxton Community Development Room, Town Hall at 7:00 pm

Adjournment 7:25 pm

P. Nichols made a Motion to Adjourn

Vice Chair J. Barnes Second the Motion

All in favor-Motion Carries